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## THE SWITZERLAND OF AMERICA.

SCENERY UNSURPASSED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

**Sydney, Cape Breton, is Fast Becoming the Most Popular Summer Watering Place for Tourists from the United States and Canada.**

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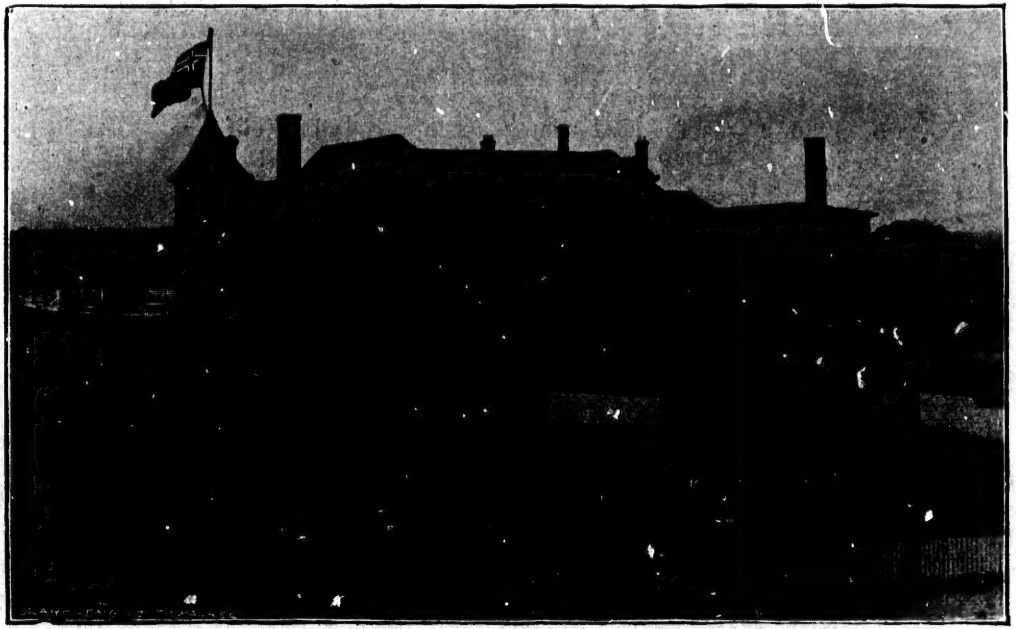


"SYDNEY" HOTEL—SHOWING H. M. S. PALLAS ANCHORED IN THE HARBOR.

# SYDNEY AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

THE Town of Sydney was founded nearly a century and a half ago—1784—and for many years a garrison of British Regulars were quartered at what is now familiarly known as the Barrack Grounds; the last garrison stationed here was a detatchment of the famous 42nd "Black Watch," or Royal Highlanders. Many interesting reminiscences are yet to be noted of this once military-governed and aristocratic town and the frequent visits of the British and French naval squadrons even yet serve to recall those days of military pomp and blue blood associations.

## THE CLIMATE.

The climate commends itself agreeably to the stranger. Here one never experiences that excessive summer heat; it is always cool, always pleasant and yet agreeably warm. Sydney is really an ideal summer resort. No other place in America can lay claim to so delightful a summer climate, and certainly none can show greater attractions to the tourist and seeker after rest and health. Situated as the town is on a beautiful and expansive harbor, which opens to the broad Atlantic, there is always, even in the extreme heat of summer, a cool air from off the ocean. No one here becomes prostrated from heat and no illness results from the hot weather. At night residents can always feel assured of a much

THE ESPLANADE—SHOWING "SYDNEY" HOTEL AND THE MAYOR'S RESIDENCE.

TOWN OF SYDNEY.—LOOKING NORTH.

cooler atmosphere, making sleep not only possible but deliciously pleasant. The hottest record in Sydney last summer was 85.7.

## OUR DRIVES AND WALKS.

There are many delightful drives about the old town, out to the Forks, to Hardwood Hill Cemetery—a beautiful and really enchanting spot—out to the Mira's and other charming localities. There are also a number of pleasant walks in and around the town.

## GOLF, TENNIS, AND CRICKET.

The Sydney Golf Club possess, it has been said, the finest links in America, and it might be well in this pamphlet to quote the opinion of a prominent Montreal golfer, who spent the greater part of last summer here, and who, in writing of the grounds, has said: "Golf is now probably considered the most popular game of the day, and certainly no game can show the marvellous growth in the number of its votaries in all countries as this royal and ancient game. I had the pleasure of a game on the Sydney links recently and was surprised and delighted with their situation, not having previously known that Sydney possessed such an attraction as a golf course. Properly advertising these links I am sure you will find your hotels full to overflowing from early till late in the season and in a year or so cottages being built by desirable people who would stay with you four months a year at least."

ENTRANCE TO LOUISBOURG HARBOR—AN HOUR AND FORTY MINUTES BY RAIL FROM "SYDNEY" HOTEL.

CAPE SMOKY.—FIFTEEN MILES FROM SYDNEY.

The Sydney Tennis Club have four splendid courts, beautifully and most conveniently situated, where strangers are always welcome and made to feel perfectly at home. Here will be met many of the gallant and courteous officers of the British, French and American naval ships frequently visiting this port.

The Sydney Cricket Club also take pleasure in making the visit of strangers to our town as pleasant and enjoyable as possible. The Cricket Club of this town has always held the proud distinction of being one of the leading and most successful teams in Eastern Canada, and the many tournaments they have during the summer with the naval teams prove a great attraction to the recreation and rest seeking visitor.

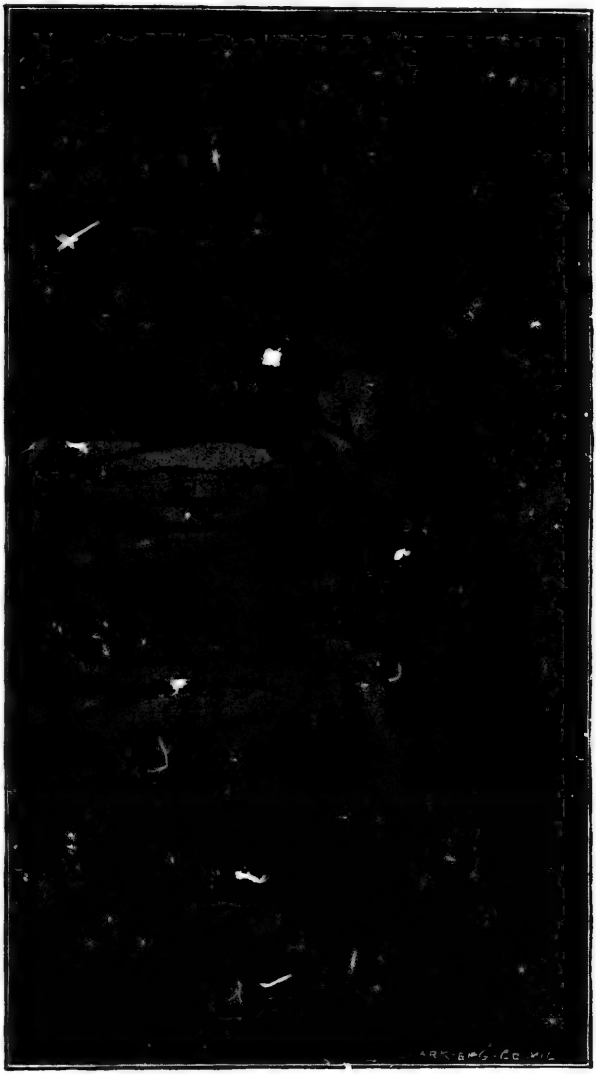
## BOATING, BATHING, FISHING, SHOOTING.

The boating and bathing facilities are unexcelled anywhere in America. In Cape Breton are some of the finest Trout and Salmon Resorts on the Continent, in fact it is a veritable paradise for the disciple of Isaac Walton; the sportsmen visiting the Island should bear in mind that in the Autumn months can be had excellent Partridge, Snipe, Plover, Wild Duck and Wild Goose shooting; and then you can also go hunting and shooting the fleet-footed moose. Making the "Sydney" Hotel your headquarters you can the most readidly reach any of the many fishing and shooting resorts.

## HOW TO GET TO SYDNEY.

Visitors from the United States can take the Maine Central Railway or the Interna-

SALMON FALLS, A FEW HOURS' SAIL NORTH FROM SYDNEY.



A STRING OF TROUT—FROM A LAKE NEAR SYDNEY.

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tional steamers from Boston to St. John, thence by I. C. Railway to Sydney, or the Yarmouth S. S. Company's steamers from Boston to Yarmouth, thence by Dominion Atlantic Railway to Windsor Junction or Halifax; thence by Intercolonial to Sydney; or by the Plant Line from Boston to Halifax or Port Hawkesbury, thence by Intercolonial, or from Hawkesbury by the Bras d'Or S. S. Company's steamer "Marion" through the Bras d'Or Lakes (a most delightful sail) to Sydney. From Quebec, Ontario and the West, you have the Canadian Pacific to St. John and Intercolonial to Sydney, or from Montreal you have the Intercolonial, making close connection at Truro; or by direct steamer to Sydney, or by the Gulf Port S. S. Company's steamer to Pictou, thence by Intercolonial to Sydney.

## THE SYDNEY HOTEL.

In speaking of Sydney, or even Cape Breton itself, the summer visitor, in fact the all-year-round visitor too, never fails to refer in terms of the most unstinted praise of the "Sydney" Hotel, which hostlery, though only opened three or four years ago, has gained for itself among American and Canadian tourists a very enviable reputation indeed. Built by a company composed mostly of business men of the town it stands as a worthy monument of the public spirit of the townspeople of this ancient Island Capital.

The "Sydney" is a handsome structure, built in Queen Anne style of Architecture, and erected on the historic site upon which formerly stood the Government House in the days

when Cape Breton was a Crown Colony. It commands a position overlooking the magnificent Sydney Harbor, said to be one of the finest, if not the grandest, in the world, and having sufficient anchorage ground to accommodate the combined naval fleets of all nations. Here the North Atlantic Squadrons of the British and French Naval Fleets rendezvous during the summer. The view from the balconies of the hotel overlooking the Harbor is really a superb one. Nature has been lavish indeed in her distribution of natural wealth of scenic charm in Cape Breton, but particularly so as respects this town. With beautiful and varied scenry, excellent fishing all around us, a cool and invigorating atmosphere, unexcelled boating and bathing facilities, excellent transporation accomodation, no more attractive summer resort is to be found on the continent. The "Sydney" Hotel is the resting place of all tourists visiting Cape Breton and it is steadily gaining in favor with the travelling public. A number of new rooms have been added, the house entirely refurnished and many other improvements made during the past winter. The cuisine of the "Sydney," under the charge of a chef who has gained experience in Washington and other large cities, is not excelled in any of the Maritime Provinces.

Full information may be obtained and rooms secured in advance on application to the proprietor,

GEO. L. HANINGTON,
SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON,
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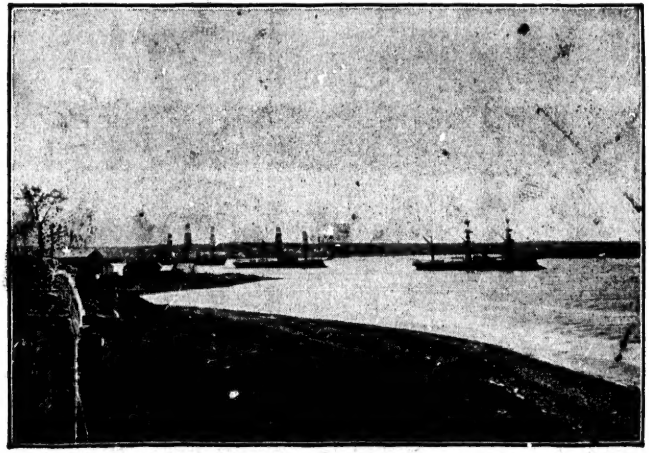

VIEW LOOKING UP SYDNEY HARBOR FROM THE GOLF LINKS.—FRENCH NAVAL SQUADRON AT THEIR ANCHORAGE.